

REMARKS

The office action of January 20, 2011, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 3 and 13 are further rejected under 35 USC 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to MacRae.

Finally, it is noted that claims 5-8, 10-12 and 14-16 are allowed.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3 and 13.

With the cancelation of these claims it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1, 3 and 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and under 35 USC 102 (b) or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103 (a) are overcome and should be

withdrawn.

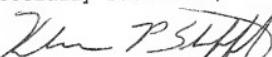
Since all of the rejected claims have been canceled, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

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